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# RECYCLED WATER POLICY AMENDMENT

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# Goal

**Senate Bill 163 (Hertzberg)** – would have required 50% of wastewater effluent to be reused by 2026 and 100% reused by 2036.

- ❖ CCKA did not SUPPORT SB 163 (Hertzberg).
  - ❖ Would have forced communities to pursue non-potable reuse; and
  - ❖ Bind them to purple pipe infrastructure for wasteful uses such as golf courses or non-native landscaping.
- ❖ This situation is different.
  - ❖ The Recycled Water Policy goals is non-enforceable, without a time deadline.
  - ❖ We now have AB 574 that provides the bridge to make it feasible to recycle all of our wastewater without forcing purple pipe projects.

# Goal

*“~~Eliminate~~ ~~Minimize~~ the direct discharge of treated municipal wastewater to enclosed bays, estuaries and coastal lagoons, and ocean waters, except where necessary to maintain beneficial uses. For the purpose of this goal, treated municipal wastewater does not include brine discharges from recycled water facilities or desalination facilities.”*

# Salt and Nutrient Management Plants

- Backsliding – Every region is currently required to complete a SNMP by February, 3 2016.
  - Now every region must consider a SNMP by 2020 (2 years from policy adoption).
  - SNMP must be adopted by 2026 (7 years from policy adoption).
- The requirement to adopt SNMP into the basin plan has been removed.
- No antidegradation analysis requirement.
- Re-Evaluation should occur ever 5 years not 10.

# Anti – Degradation

- *Agua et al* – “Given that there will be some discharge of waste to groundwater, the Regional Board's decree that the Order does not permit further degradation of groundwater is meaningless without an effective method to determine whether the discharge has resulted in a degradation of groundwater quality.”
- *Coastkeeper I* – “The court is unable to decide whether the Waiver violates the Antidegradation Policy because the Board has failed to apply the Policy in the manner directed by the Court in *AGUA*, including any consideration of whether the waters are "high quality" waters.”

# CECs

- Continue to support the incorporation of bioanalytical screening methods into the CEC Monitoring Program and invest in research to expand a bioscreening toolbox.
- The State Water Board should reconvene the Expert Panel every 3 years.
- Future Expert Panels should develop monitoring protocols to detect CECs impacting aquatic health.
- Future Expert Panels should investigate the risk and potential health exposure to cumulative CECs at low levels.

# Conclusion

